

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-96 (cancelled)

97. (new) A method for assembling a food package tray comprising the steps of: providing a cutout blank having a central tray bottom forming portion and tray sidewall forming portions outwardly of the tray bottom forming portion; bending the tray sidewall forming portions relative to the tray bottom forming portion to form a preformed tray having a tray bottom and a tray peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the tray bottom; positioning a flange forming annular collar on the tray peripheral wall; and bonding the collar to the tray peripheral wall to provide the tray with an outwardly extending peripheral flange.

98. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein said sidewall forming portions are bent in a first mold and the collar is positioned on a second mold, and at least one of the molds is moved toward the other to position the collar on the peripheral sidewall.

99. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein said step of bonding is carried out by bonding with a cold adhesive.

100. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein the step of bonding is carried out by bonding with a hot melt adhesive.

101. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein said peripheral wall has an inside surface and said flange forming collar has tabs depending therefrom, and said steps of positioning and bonding said collar to said peripheral sidewall are carried out by positioning said tabs against and bonding same to said inside surface of said peripheral wall.

102. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein said step of providing a cutout blank is carried out by providing the blank with flange forming portions outwardly of the sidewall forming portions and the bending step is carried out by bending the flange forming portions to extend outwardly from the peripheral sidewall so that the upper end of the peripheral wall on the preformed tray terminates in outwardly extending flange portions, and said steps of positioning and bonding the flange forming collar to the peripheral wall are carried out by positioning the collar against and bonding same to the outwardly extending flange portions on the tray peripheral sidewall.

103. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein said preformed tray is positioned in a first mold and said collar is positioned on a second mold, and at least one of the molds is moved toward the other to position the collar on the peripheral sidewall.

104. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein the tray peripheral sidewall has an upper end and the step of positioning the flange forming annular collar is carried out by positioning the annular collar to provide an outwardly extending flange adjacent the upper end of the tray peripheral wall.

105. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein the collar and the tray peripheral sidewall have facing surfaces and the step of bonding is carried out by bonding the facing surfaces together with adhesive located between the facing surfaces.

106. (new) The method of claim 97 wherein the step of bending the tray sidewall forming portions relative to the tray bottom forming portion is carried out to form a preformed tray having a tray bottom and a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of adjacent sidewall segments extending upwardly from the tray bottom.

107. (new) The method of claim 106 wherein the step of forming a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of adjacent sidewall segments is carried out by providing the sidewall segments with overlapping tabs that connect adjacent sidewall segments.

108. (new) Method for producing a tray, characterized in that a cutout of a tray part is initially erected in a first mold (316) and then a collar (52,452) is subsequently accurately positioned on the tray part (40,440) with the aid of a second mold (318) and bonded with the tray part through selected areas by approaching both molds so as to form a tray unit capable of being separately handled.

109. (new) A method for producing a tray, characterized in that a foldable cutout of a tray part is initially erected in an erection mold (316) into a preformed tray part having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the bottom, and then, while the preformed tray part is held in an assembly mold (316, KS Fig. 18), an annular collar (52,452) is subsequently accurately positioned on the preformed tray part (40,440) with the aid of a collar

mold (318, KS Fig. 18) and bonded with the tray part by moving at least one of the assembly and collar molds toward the other so as to provide the preformed tray part with a peripheral flange extending outwardly from the peripheral sidewall so that a unitary tray is formed that is capable of being separately handled.

110. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the peripheral sidewall has an inside surface and the collar is provided with a flange forming portion having tabs depending therefrom, and said steps of positioning and bonding the collar are carried out by positioning the tabs against and bonding same to the inside surface of the peripheral sidewall.

111. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the step of erecting the tray part is carried out by providing the peripheral wall with outwardly extending flange portions, and said steps of positioning and bonding the collar to the peripheral sidewall is carried out by positioning the collar against and bonding same to the outwardly extending flange portions.

112. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the tray peripheral sidewall has an upper end and the step of positioning the flange forming annular collar is carried out by positioning the annular collar to provide an outwardly extending flange adjacent the upper end of the tray peripheral wall.

113. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the erection mold and the assembly mold are one and the same.

114. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the collar and the tray peripheral wall have facing surfaces and the step of bonding is carried out by bonding the facing surfaces together with adhesive located between the facing surfaces.

115. (new) The method of claim 109 wherein the step of bending the tray sidewall forming portions relative to the tray bottom forming portion is carried out to form a preformed tray having a tray bottom and a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of adjacent sidewall segments extending upwardly from the tray bottom.

116. (new) The method of claim 115 wherein the step of forming a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of adjacent sidewall segments is carried out by providing the sidewall segments with overlapping tabs that connect adjacent sidewall segments.